

24. From Mr. G. J. Davis, of New York, dated Oct. 1, 1846

My dear friend

Yours, enclosing me from C. M. Davis, was put into my hand as I was passing thro' Concord day before yesterday - I immediately wrote an answer to the official letter recd. Some two weeks since - tho' it was written some time before it reached me - I had neglected to write an answer because I could not feel quite free to go to New York - New York is in a "terrible taking" and New Hampshire is just getting under way - And now, just before Election, this is the state of things for anti-slavery effort - Almost no stir at all - Politicians are as cool as any one could desire, and of course the masses are not in a state of fermentation - The inequality of the political parties accounts for it - Nevertheless I have written that I would come, accompanied by my friend, Jane Elizabeth Hitchcock of Concord N. H., who has been with me some weeks, and is doing good service, as soon as the 20th inst., unless they could decide that it would be for the best interests of the cause to postpone their campaign till after election, as

I desire to remain here till that time. — The reason I
wrote we would go if they deemed it best, was that I have
learned to "strike when the iron is hot" — If we wait
for them to cool off I fear it will be dead work by and
by — I write you to request that you will forthwith write
them, urging the postponement of their campaign — I did not
write them in July, because I was in great haste and had
but a few moments — I suppress them, if possible, with the
fact that third party is very lively and vigilant just
now and therefore looks more formidable than in fact it
is, because it is just before election — Neither those incli-
and in that direction nor other politicians will be so
impossible ^{now} as after the fall is over — This, I think, is a
sufficient reason for the postponement — Again I said
to them I should not be able to attend the great number
of meetings suggested by Davis, for the reason that my
throat is somewhat affected — I hope it is not bronchitis and
that soon it is fading away — Three or four meetings
a week is all I should dare engage to speak in, and
perhaps that will be too much — I am now visiting a
few days, while Jane C. G. is lecturing in the eastern part

of the State — I have told the Board not to pay in
their notice of our N. H. meetings, that either of us
would attend them, so as to leave us free to go to Penn.
in case they should call us —

I have been thinking whether it is not best for
us large a force as can be mustered to go into the
same section — After the N. H. campaign is through,
supposing N. Y., or Maine, or Vermont, or Penn. be
taken and thoroughly agitated ^(Confidential) — Some of our force is
not suitable to be trusted alone, as you are well
aware — Douglas designs to go into the heart of Penn.
after having this field — All he will do
will be gathered by third party — I fear is true,
but then he does not see, or see, does not have
the tact to fight the third party right manfully —
Third party do not complain much of him — Then if
a large force goes into our field, they will produce
such an agitation as shall be deeply felt — Could the
Pennsylvanians be persuaded to wait a month or six
weeks and then take the entire available force, would
it not sweep this field of Liberty party? I think so —

Do write them, of course as you shall think best, but I hope you will think with me — Will you also lay the suggestion of carrying a large fence into the same field before ~~the~~ your Ex. Com.

I understand that the Central N. Y. friends decided not to send their funds to the American Society as they were determined to have agents in their own field as soon as the election is over —

I think you had better write to the friends of the American Society in London & H. C. The right obtain a similar letter from them in a recent period and on recent account of 20. — To see the exhibition — the old looking and can't give a thousand if the same — The fair was held in Portsmouth, N. H. the amount of 20. was in line with a good fence there — I take care that it is in good progress — Truly

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Our N. Y. Board has just passed laying the facts of French's conduct before the public this week on account of Rogers' sickness — He is ~~now~~ alas nearly sick, but as he is very nervous he may be soon restored. We think his position on anti-slavery objects him more than any thing else — You asked me last summer to send you the names of persons who would be likely to contribute to the American Society — I did not send any because I knew of none that you did not also know